

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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President

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Dear colleagues,

With the fall term just a few weeks away, I want to reassure you all that the health and safety of our faculty, librarians, staff, and students remains our top priority.

The University of Toronto <u>will require</u> that all those intending to be present on our campuses be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. This is a key part of the University's carefully developed and extensive COVID-19 protocols, which include the mandatory wearing of masks indoors and other safety measures.

<u>Our plans</u> are consistent with those of our peer institutions in Ontario. In fact, we are pleased to see others now adopting the standards we have established in planning for a safe return to inperson activities.

I appreciate that the public health situation remains concerning. Let me reassure you again that the University will remain vigilant in protecting the health and safety of all members of our community, and we will take additional measures if conditions change in the fall and winter ahead. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and adaptability as we continue moving forward together.

Sincerely,

Meric S. Gertler President